

Deborah Riebe, Ph.D., FACSM, FNAK is Professor of Kinesiology and Associate Dean of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Riebe has had a distinguished career in the field of Kinesiology. Her primary area of research centers around health behavioral theory-based physical activity and exercise promotion in older adults and people living with obesity. Her research has shown that behavioral theory-based interventions can enhance exercise adoption and maintenance in these populations, and it shows that more active people have better physical function.

Dr. Riebe's scholarly contributions to the field are many, demonstrated by over 90 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and 3 edited books, including highly referenced ACSM publications. Her scholarly work has been cited over ten thousand times, yielding an impressive h-index of 44 and an i-10 index of 73. Dr. Riebe served as senior editor and associate editor respectively of the 10th and 9th editions of *ACSM's Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription*, and she was the lead author of a paper that has transformed exercise pre-participation screening. At present, she is leading a second ACSM Roundtable, *Updating the Components of Physical Fitness: A Scientific Roundtable on Fitness*". She has an impressive record of external funding as a principal investigator and a co-investigator with over 43 million dollars of funding, with 1.25 million dollars as a PI.

Dr. Riebe has and continues to contribute her considerable talents to ACSM in her calm and unruffled way. Some examples of her extensive service are being President of the New England Chapter of ACSM (NEACSM), member of the ACSM Board of Trustees, chair of the Committee on Certification and Registry Boards, chair of the ACSM's Health and Fitness Summit Program Planning Committee, and membership on numerous other NEACSM and ACSM committees.

According to her nominators, Drs. Carol Ewing Garber, Christie L. Ward-Ritacco, Linda Pescatello, and Bo Fernhall, Dr. Riebe is an exceptional leader. While chair of the Department of Kinesiology, her leadership was essential in providing a guiding mission and vision for a new unit launched in 2016, the College of Health Sciences. She transitioned to the Associate Dean position where she was instrumental in supporting faculty in growing the research portfolio within the College, and the development of a collaborative, interdisciplinary doctoral program. As a result of her exceptional leadership in this role, Dr. Riebe was overwhelmingly nominated by the faculty to fill the Interim Dean role in 2022. Dr. Riebe is known as an exceptionally supportive and able mentor and advocate of students and junior faculty. She is a lifelong mentor to those who have trained as members of her research team and her passion for supporting and championing young scholars with publishing and volunteer opportunities in the field is unmatched.

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that ACSM presents Dr. Riebe with this most deserved 2024 Citation Award.